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# NEWS FROM CLUBS

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Cessnock wishes to welcome all the newcomers to the club's ranks and hope that they enjoy their careers as 'goannas' — Jim Batey and Graham Banister from Maitland Rugby Union, Brian Slade, back from Kurri, Gary Sampson from Quirindi, Fred Nicholson from Kurri and Johnny Sledge from Greta along with Norm Henderson of St. George are men who are new to the Nocks.

Lakes United half Ray Watterson who was a reserve grader with Balmain last season has shown to date that he will keep opposing halves hopping as the season progresses. A very smart player with a lot of pace and tackling ability Watterson is a player to watch.

Congratulations and very best wishes to Dennis Nicholls from all Northern Suburbs committee, players and supporters on his selection in today's representative fixture.

All things come to those who wait. Johnny Scott, the Cessnock lock, has at last, received the nod from the Newcastle selectors. This is great news for "goanna" fans who have rated John highly for many seasons.

With such a crop of willing juniors at Waratah this year the club should have a good season. Among the prospects are teenagers Larry Hill, Ian Osborn and Greg Thompson. With a very limited budget Waratah is forced to rely on its juniors and there is no reason why this attitude again will pay off this season.

One of the most popular players in the South camp is newcomer Wayne Aoke. Win, lose or draw Wayne produces his ukelele and entertains the boys in a spirit that is becoming part of the club and augers well for the red and whites in the coming season.

Frank Mullaney takes over the Waratah 3rd grade side this year and he would be one of the most popular players in the club. This is probably the hardest side of all to coach with players coming and going but Frank, we feel sure, is the perfect man for the job.

Warren Davies makes his re-appearance with Lakes United this weekend in 3rd grade after completing his national service. Warren showed promise before being called up and is now working hard to regain top form.

Congrats to last year's under 18 stars Rod Sneesby and David White on their 1st grade selection for the Nocks. These lads need only the experience to go a long way in the game.

It is interesting to note that ten out of South's first grade side this weekend have been associated with the South's schoolboys and junior sides.

West first grade halfback Kevin Hardy has quickly won for himself a reputation and it is considered by many astute judges that he will be one of the glamour players in the Newcastle district as the season gets under way. Kevin hails from Taree where he played with Taree United and in last year's grand final he kicked 11 goals and scored a try. Not a bad effort.

Another South player receiving congratulations is Greg Smallcombe who reached his 100th first grade appearance last Saturday in the Caltex Final against West.

Reserve grade fullback Paul Gilfeather is showing solid form this season so far in the trials. His ability to beat a man is uncanny and this coupled with strong defence makes him an ideal type for fullback. Paul played last year with West United in the Second Division and if anything his season there actually improved him. So keep up the good work Paul.

## SOUTH NEWCASTLE'S RE-UNION DINNER

The South Newcastle R.L.F.C. Re-Union Dinner will be held on Wednesday, 17th May at South Leagues Club. All past and present players and officials are invited to attend. Tickets are available at the Leagues Club from Tom Butler or Don Harris. Pensioners with transport problems etc., are asked to contact the above.



Newcomers to North's teams today are Paul Beetsen, Ken Grainger, Joe Niszczot, Darryl Lowe, Jim Woods, Ray Lewis and Bob Mayo. All the best boys and we hope your stay with the "blue-bags" is a happy one.

Congratulations from all supporters at Souths to Mick Bickley on his selection in the Newcastle side. It was only a matter of time before the selectors realised this speedy centre's potential.

Young front row forward, Gary Broadhead is an interesting selection in West first grade for today's match. Gary is a graduate from last years under 19's and it is indeed a great effort for this young player to hold his own against some pretty stiff opposition for a berth in the senior team. His progress will be watched with great interest as many consider with experience he could develop into a top class forward.

Waratah's reserve grade side this year is probably one of the youngest to ever represent the club. Mark Tonks, John Wilks and Mark Scobie from last years junior sides are all potential first graders and the boy to watch in this side is Robby Wise. One of the best juniors to come out of Waratah this boy could go anywhere with a year or so of experience.

As in past years Northern Suburbs are very fortunate to have a good sprinkling of juniors coming up to grade ranks again this year. Congratulations and best wishes to players Warren Scottman, George Curtis, Ron 'Buster' Davis, Bruce Williamson and Joe Brugnani.

Congratulations to the following West players on their selection in the Newcastle team to play Southern Division in the Caltex Country Championships at the Newcastle No. 1 Sports Ground on Saturday. They are Victor Puodziunas, Frank Fish and Des Kimmorley in the team proper and Tony Browne who is the reserve forward for the match. West have a further interest as their captain-coach John Raper has been chosen as the non-playing coach of the team, all the best John, from all at West.

Many clubs have acquired several new players during the off season and Lakes United are no exception. With seven in first grade, eight in reserve grade and five in third grade who have not previously played a grade game with Lakes, supporters will have plenty to do

just keeping track of who is who until the twenty new faces become familiar.

North's coaches this year are Eddie Lumsden, "Robbie" Mace and Brian Gibson. Selectors are Don "Ducky" Williams, Jack Thomas and "Chas" Woolston. With the experience all these men have and the players they have to choose from, "The Blues" are looking forward to a good year.

Peter Jaques and Don Knight return to Macquarie this season. Peter has been with North Sydney whilst Don has spent the last year in New Guinea.

Back with the 'Tahs again this year is that popular coach Bill Sneddon. One of the most astute judges in the code, Billy has that uncanny knack of being able to get the best out of players.

Reserve grade hooker Greg Cook who came to West last season and played in various positions with the exception of rake gets his chance to display his wares in this important position. One thing is certain this talented young footballer will give it everything he has so keen is his dedication to the game.

An interesting feature in South's match this weekend will be the performance of Robert McDermott in the lock position. Bob is renowned for his copy-book tackling and his speed at the scrum base and with nippy halfback Rick Griffiths could prove a handful for the opposition.

Lakes United welcome to the club all new players and junior graduates in the best of 'Seagull' spirit. Many new friendships will be formed in the months ahead that in years to come will be looked upon as more important than the results of games played, which are really only of great importance for the present.

Welcome to Macquarie Russell Cooper, Alan Drew, Dave Thompson and Roger Carr. Best of luck for the coming season.

## Next Week's Fixtures

Central Charlestown v Cessnock.

Macquarie United v South Newcastle.

Northern Suburbs v Maitland.

Waratah-Mayfield v Lakes United.

Kurri Kurri v Western Suburbs.

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TOWNSON OVAL—3 p.m.

Sunday, April 16, 1972

## South Newcastle v. Northern Suburbs

### SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Full-back  
1—J. Anderson  
Three-quarters

2—T. Kirk	M. Bickley—3
4—J. Sneddon	P. Miller—5
6—G. Smallcombe	Halves
	R. Griffiths—7
8—R. McDermott	Forwards
	B. Lamberth—9
10—C. Ireland	D. Morley—11
12—R. Smith	D. Fraser—13

Referee: T. Gustard

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back  
1—W. Scotman  
Three-quarters

2—G. Crompton	K. Grainger—3
4—S. Farquhar	G. Curtis—5
6—M. Witcom	Halves
	R. Andrews—7
8—P. Cox	Forwards
	D. Maddison—9
10—P. Beetson	B. Russell—11
12—A. Jones	D. Nicholls—13

Linesmen: K. Cartwright (Blue) C. Thomson (Red)

## RESERVE GRADE — 1.30 p.m.

### SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

Full-back  
1—B. Hughes  
Three-quarters

2—W. House	G. Marshall—3
4—W. Aoake	V. Cronin—5
6—J. Meehan	Halves
	J. Lashwood—7
8—R. Rankin	Forwards
	N. Scobie—9
10—A. Back	P. Donehue—11
12—J. Woods	W. Gardiner—13

Referee: B. Schofield

### NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

Full-back  
1—G. Jordan  
Three-quarters

2—J. Karnaghan	K. Sweetman—3
4—T. Price	B. Bussell—5
6—N. Skelton	Halves
	R. Davis—7
8—D. Davey	Forwards
	D. Greaves—9
10—R. Benson	J. Niszczoł—11
12—B. Williamson	K. Byers—13

Linesmen: F. Kitcher (Blue), J. Thornton (Red)

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# THIRD GRADE

12.15 p.m.

## CESSNOCK

Black and Gold

1—P. Turnbull

2—R. Austin	G. Banister—3
4—R. Johnston	B. Jensen—5
6—J. Laut	T. Connelly—7
8—B. Clifton	G. Simpson—9
10—J. Sledzianowski	McWilliams—11
12—F. Nicholson	B. Peek—13

Referee: R. Brownlee

## KURRI KURRI

Half Red Top, Half Blue Bottom

1—P. Carr

2—J. Mort	I. O'Brien—3
4—G. Caines	D. Johns—5
6—P. Gladman	G. Muncaster—7
8—N. Moffatt	G. Williams—9
10—R. Sullivan	T. Hindmarsh—11
12—A. Williams	I. Ellis—13

Linesmen: H. Horne (Blue), R. Milton (Red)

## WESTERN SUBURBS

Red and Green

1—B. Warby

2—G. Hicks	C. Pritchard—3
4—G. Morrissey	K. Campbell—5
6—L. Dagwell	R. Adamson—7
8—R. Dean	W. Mutu—9
10—J. Cook	A. Drury—11
12—P. Walls	K. Partridge—13

Referee: J. Archer

## WARATAH

Gold, Maroon V

1—W. Burgess

2—H. Miller	S. Martin—3
4—B. Gihson	D. Martin—5
6—D. Brophy	D. Shakespeare—7
8—P. Gaudrey	N. Dawson—9
10—A. Webb	G. Barratt—11
12—J. Davey	F. Mullauey—13

Linesmen: G. Benson (Blue), N. Digby (Red)

## LAKES UNITED

Blue and Gold, White Shorts

1—A. King

2—J. Howard	A. Corrigan—3
4—H. Sma'l	R. Smith—5
6—H. Miller	G. Swancott—7
8—R. Bell	W. Davies—9
10—W. Izzard	B. Hourigan—11
12—K. Doyle	S. Bartholomew—13

Referee: N. Scotman

## MAITLAND

Black and White

1—D. Andrews

2—C. Wilkins	G. Harley—3
4—T. Live'lyn	G. Millett—5
6—G. Rollinson	G. Clark—7
8—C. Williams	J. Sexhy—9
10—G. Oldfield	G. Marquet—11
12—E. Spender	J. Meskauskas—13

Linesmen: W. Milton (Blue), W. Hardy (Red)

## SOUTH NEWCASTLE

White, Red V

1—T. McNaughton

2—S. Hassett	D. Rowe—3
4—G. Nicol	N. Morgan—5
6—G. Noble	R. Vitne'l—7
8—R. Young	P. McNamara—9
10—J. Adamson	R. Hughes—11
12—M. Maynard	W. Conway—13

Referee: D. Bolewski

## NORTHERN SUBURBS

Royal Blue and Sky Blue Bars

1—D. Lowe

2—J. Woods	R. Lewis—3
4—R. Mayo	R. Toby—5
6—V. Watsford	G. Elliott—7
8—R. Crooks	M. Richards—9
10—R. Davis	J. Brugnioni—11
12—D. Cassidy	E. Russell—13

Linesmen: F. Kitcher (Blue), J. Thornton (Red)

## CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN

White, Blue V, Blue Shorts

1—G. Butt

2—G. Marshall	J. Wallwork—3
4—J. Marshall	R. Bailey—5
6—G. Harrison	P. McNamee—7
8—D. Murray	N. Hughes—9
10—J. Gardiner	R. MacBain—11
12—W. Laughlan	B. Leary—13

Referee: J. Everitt

## MACQUARIE UNITED

Green and Gold Bars, Black Shorts

1—T. Timms

2—K. Vardy	R. Carr—3
4—J. Lulham	P. Christiansen—5
6—C. Roberts	P. Callen—7
8—L. Mullard	D. O'Neill—9
10—G. Heaton	P. Hunt—11
12—R. Rodgers	P. Neylan—13

Linesmen: K. Bilton (Blue), N. Smith (Red)